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SUBJ: VIP TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT: MOBILE GROUND
COMMUNICATIONS

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(D) STATE 293899, (E) STATE 289475

1. IN DECEMBER 16 CALL ON SPATARU EMBOFFS WERE TOLD GOR
DELEGATION PREFERS TO DEPART BUCHAREST ON TAROM FLIGHT
TUESDAY JANUARY 6 ARRIVING NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON SAME
DAY. SPATARU APPRECIATES NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY AND
WILL RELY ENTIRELY ON DEPARTMENT AND GANLEY FOR APPOINT-
MENTS. HE ALSO ACCEPTS UNIQUE VENDOR CAPABILITIES OF
E-SYSTEMS AND COLLINS AND WILL NOT GO AFIELD FOR OTHER
SUPPLIERS. ROMANIAN EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE
OF VISIT BUT WILL NOT CONTACT FIRMS WITHOUT GUIDANCE FROM
GANLEY.

2. SPATARU REPORTS NO STRUCTURAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE
IN AIRCRAFT. ALL SPECIAL FEATURES WERE CONTRACTED WITH
BOEING AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM BOEING NOW. HOWEVER,
HE WILL HAVE AIRFRAME LAYOUTS AVAILABLE FOR JANUARY 7
TALKS IN WASHINGTON, AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH
E-SYSTEMS AND COLLINS. COMMENT: SPATARU HAS EMPHASIZED
DESIRABILITY OF INSPECTING ON-BOARD INSTALLED VIP
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND VISIT TO AT LEAST ONE GROUND
STATION FACILITY. DELEGATION ANTICIPATES TECHNICAL

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DISCUSSIONS WITH USER PERSONNEL IN EACH CASE. POST

ENCOURAGES SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AT START OF WASHINGTON VISIT, INCLUDING IN-FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. END COMMENT.

3. FOLLOWING EMBOFF'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION, SPATARU CONTACTED DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND DETERMINED THAT DELEGATION INDEED WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE TALKS ON MOBILE GROUND COMMUNICATIONS AS SEPARATE TOPIC (REF B). HE DESCRIBED THE REQUIREMENT AS A "MOBILE TRUNK SWITCHING SYSTEM WITH CONTINUOUS OPERATION OVER LONG DISTANCES", AND SAID IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED SO FAR ONLY BETWEEN MOTOROLA (EUROPEAN OFFICE) AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. IT WOULD PROVIDE CONTINUAL LINK BETWEEN MOVING GROUND VEHICLES AND CONVENTIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. SPATARU COULD NOT EVEN SAY WHETHER THE PROJECT WAS CONSIDERED SENSITIVE BY GOR AT THIS POINT. NEVERTHELESS, HE WOULD LIKE DEPARTMENT THROUGH GANLEY TO ARRANGE SUITABLE APPOINTMENTS WITH SUPPLIERS, WHICH HE ASSUMES WOULD INCLUDE WESTINGHOUSE, ROCKWELL, RCA, GE, AND PERHAPS COLLINS AND E-SYSTEMS. COMMENT: FROM HIS INITIAL REACTION TO THE QUESTION, WE PRESUME SPATARU NOT CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER. CONSEQUENTLY WE STILL HAVE NO INDICATION WHETHER AN INTEGRATED AIR-GROUND SYSTEM IS INTENDED. WE DO NOT VIEW REQUEST FOR ABOVE APPOINTMENTS AS EFFORT TO CARRY EXCLUSIVE TALKS ON VIP COMMUNICATIONS BEYOND COLLINS AND E-SYSTEMS.

4. DELEGATION PREFERS NOT TO SPLIT UP DURING TALKS (REF A) AND WISHES PROGRAM FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE WHATEVER CHANGE IN PLANS MAY BE NECESSARY. THEY WILL BUY OPEN TICKETS FOR ITINERARY AS ULTIMATELY PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT, AND EXPECT TO STAY 20-25 DAYS. PLEASE ADVISE ITINERARY AND NEED FOR ANY FURTHER DETAILS SOONEST. BARNES

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